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Koji Yoneda	:	Confirmation Number: 1826
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For: SLIDING MODE CONTROLLER	:	
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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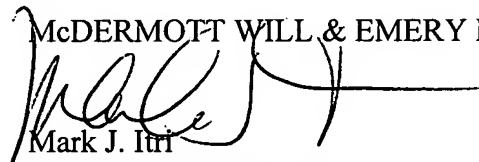
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respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination.

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